

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB809

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Price

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Historical African American cemeteries and graves; Isle of Wight, Prince George, and Surry Counties.

**5. Summary:** Adds four cemeteries in Isle of Wight County, one cemetery in Prince George County, and eight cemeteries in Surry County to the list of cemeteries for which qualified organizations may receive funds from the Department of Historic Resources for the care of historical African American cemeteries and graves. The bill also directs the Department of Historic Resources, in consultation with the relevant qualified organizations, to verify the number of graves, monuments, and markers in such cemeteries.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2022	\$0	n/a
2023	\$4,025	GF
2024	\$4,025	GF
2025	\$4,025	GF
2026	\$4,025	GF
2027	\$4,025	GF
2028	\$4,025	GF

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) currently surveys and verifies cemeteries and the number of qualifying graves in administering the African American Cemeteries and Graves Fund.

Based on 805 new graves and the \$5 default payment for each, the estimated fiscal impact would be at least \$4,025 per year. The fiscal impact of providing funding equal to the average actual cost of routine maintenance is indeterminate.

Budget language in paragraph I.1 of Item 386 in HB30/SB30, as introduced, provides \$150,000 in FY 2023 and \$150,000 in FY 2024 from the general fund to support the

preservation and care of historical African American graves. Out of these amounts, \$59,530 in each year is for the care and maintenance of graves and cemeteries listed in the Code and in Item 386, paragraphs I.2. through I.15., and \$90,470 is available in FY 2023 and FY 2024 to support the care and maintenance of historical African American cemeteries and graves in addition to those that are specifically listed in statute and the budget bill. It is anticipated that this funding is sufficient to support the care and maintenance of the 832 eligible graves in this bill at the \$5 rate for each.

However, to add the graves and cemeteries provided for in this bill and the funding for their care and maintenance to those specifically listed in the budget in paragraphs I.2. through I.16., a language amendment to Item 386 of HB30/SB30, as introduced, would be required.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Historic Resources

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None